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In re Application of

Satoshi TAMURA, et al.

Application No.: 10/849,823

Filed: May 21, 2004

Customer Number: 20277

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Examiner: Matthews L. Reames

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	14	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	1	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
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	Fee for extension of time			\$0.00	
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>500417</u> in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 3, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire August 3, 2006, please amend the above identified application as follows: